

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2594

Introduced by Assembly Member Gordon

February 19, 2016

An act to amend Section 82013 of the Government Code, relating to the Political Reform Act of 1974.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2594, as introduced, Gordon. Political Reform Act of 1974: committees.

Existing law, the Political Reform Act of 1974, provides for the comprehensive regulation of campaign financing, including requiring the reporting of campaign contributions and expenditures and imposing other reporting and recordkeeping requirements on campaign committees. The act defines “committee” to include a person or combination of persons who receives contributions, makes independent expenditures, or makes contributions to or at the behest of candidates or committees, as specified.

This bill would revise the definition of “committee” to include specific names for each type of committee.

The Political Reform Act of 1974, an initiative measure, provides that the Legislature may amend the act to further the act’s purposes upon a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of each house and compliance with specified procedural requirements.

This bill would declare that it furthers the purposes of the act.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 82013 of the Government Code is amended to read:

82013. “Committee” means any person or combination of persons who directly or indirectly does any of the following:

(a) Receives contributions totaling two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or more in a calendar ~~year~~; year (“*Recipient Committee*”).

(b) Makes independent expenditures totaling one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more in a calendar ~~year~~; year (“*Independent Expenditure Committee*”); or

(c) Makes contributions totaling ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or more in a calendar year to or at the behest of candidates or ~~committees~~; committees (“*Major Donor Committee*”).

A person or combination of persons that becomes a committee shall retain its status as a committee until such time as that status is terminated pursuant to Section 84214.

SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that this bill furthers the purposes of the Political Reform Act of 1974 within the meaning of subdivision (a) of Section 81012 of the Government Code.